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SUBJECT: AUGUST 11 SYRIAN PRESS REPOOTED OPPOSITION OF ISLAMIC  
GROUP IN LEBANON TO JUMBLATT'S POLICIES

1. WHILE MORNING DAMASCUS RADIO DID NOT BROADCAST ANY NEWS  
CONCERNING LEBANON, PRESS EMPHAISZED EMERGING OPPOSITION  
AMONG LEBANESE MUSLIMS TO JUMBLATT'S POLICIES AND LEADERSHIP.  
PRESS HEADLINED: "AFTER EXPOSURE OF DESIGNS BY JUMBLATT  
AND HIS COLLABORATORS AGAINST LEBANON, NEW LEBANESE  
POLITICAL MOVEMENT CONDEMNS JUMBLATT AND HIS CONDUCT AND  
DEMANDS REVIVAL OF OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS AND  
NEUTRALIZATION OF PALESTINIANS IN DISPUTE. PRESIDENT ASAD  
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SENDS MESSAGES TO CHIEFS OF FIVE FRIENDLY STATES

CONCERNING CODITIONS IN LEBANON."

2. ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE SUMMARIZED MEETING IN BEIRUT PREVIOUS DAY AMONG TRADITIONAL MUSLIM LEADERS INCLUDING TAKIEDDIN SOLH, KARAME, YAFI, SALAM AND OTHER MUSLIM FIGURES. ARAFAT PARTICIPATED AT REQUEST OF HOSTS. PRESS REPORTED CONFEREES STRONGLY CIRITICIZED JUMBLATT'S CONDUCT AND CALLED UPON PALESTINIANS TO RECONCILE WITH SYRIA. CHRISTIAN LEADERS GEMAYEL AND CHAMOUN MET WITH KAMAL AS'AD AND DEP. SULEYMAN ALI TO DISCUSS CRISIS.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS, IMAM MUSA SADR CHAIRED FOURTH MEETING IN BEKAA AREA TO PLAN RECONSTRUCTION OF INSTITUTIONS AND SERVICES FOR POPULATION. MEETING ATTENDED BY DEP. HENRI LAHOUD AND DISTRICT PERSONALITIES.

4. PRESS NOTED VIOLENT CLASHES YESTERDAY AROUND TELL ZAATAR, COMMERICAL DISTRICT OF BEIRUT, CHIAH, AYN AL-RUMMANEH AND OTHER AREAS.

5. PRES. ASAD SENT MESSAGES CONCERNING LEBANON TO HEADS OF STATE OF YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, PAKISTAN AND NORTH KOREA.

6. AL-BAATH COLUMNIST ASSERTED TOTAL COMMONALITY OF INTEREST AMONG THOSE INCITING FIRES OF SEDITION IN LEBANON -- EGYPTIANS, IRAQIS AND JUMBLATT -- WITH THE ENEMY. AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST URGED ALL PARTIES TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS IN DIRECTION OF BLOCKING ATTEMPTS BY SOME TO ESCALATE FIGHTING AND WITHHOLD COMPLIANCE TO CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT.

7. COMMENT: OPEN CRITICISM OF JUMBLATT EXPRESSED BY TRADITIONAL MUSLIM LEADERS HAS PROVIDED SYRIAN MEDIA WITH OPENING TO EXPLOIT. RENEWED CONTACTS AMONG THESE MUSLIMS, CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AND PLO IN PAST FEW DAYS RAISE POSSIBILITY IN SYRIAN EYES OF NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT CAPABLE OF OFFSETTING JUMBLATT'S BOLD THREAT TO CONTINUE FIGHTING. SYRIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFORTS TO RESTORE NORMAL LIVING CONDITIONS TO BEKAA REGION APPARENTLY ON TRACT UNDER AUSPICES OF MUSA SADR.  
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